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SUBJ: UNCTAD: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES

1. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS SET FORTH DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
WORK PROGRAM TABLED MAY 4 BY US DELEGATION ON BEHALF OF
B GROUP AT CURRENT SESSION OF UNCTAD'S NEW COMMITTEE ON
ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. RESOLUTION
REPRESENTS THE COLLECTIVE EFFORTS OF A GROUP B DRAFTING
PARTY CHAIRED BY U.S. MAY 4. RESULT OF WORKING GROUP BASED
ON A DRAFT INITIATED BY US DELEGATION AND LARGELY REFLECTS
OUR POSITIONS, PARTICULARLY THE NEED TO ASSURE NON-
EXCLUSIVITY OF UNCTAD ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD, AND TO
LIMIT UNCTAD MEASURES TO THOSE CLEARLY CONSISTENT
WITH UNCTAD'S MANDATE AND NOT DUPLICATED ELSEWHERE.
ALL GROUP B MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN DRAFTING AND ENDORSED
TEXTS; A GOOD CONSENSUS EXISTS AT THIS POINT.

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2. INITIATIVE NOW RESTS WITH GROUP B. G-77 REPORTEDLY
HAS BEGUN PROCESS OF DRAFTING OWN RESOLUTION
AND IS EXPECTED TO SEEK A WHOLESALE
ENDORSEMENT OF BROAD WORK PROGRAM PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT
IN TD/B/L.7/3. CONTENT OF G-77 OPENING STATEMENT
HOWEVER WAS LESS AMBITIOUS THAN SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL
WITH NO MENTION FOR EXAMPLE OF STUDIES ON COMMODITY

EXCHANGES, AND/OR JOINT PROCUREMENT. ALSO NOTABLE WAS INITIAL G-77 RECOGNITION OF NEED TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES AMONG ELEMENTS OF WORK PROGRAM AS WELL AS GREATER EMPHASIS ON REGIONAL RATHER THAN GLOBAL COOPERATION. G-77 STATEMENT FURTHER INDICATED THAT ECONOMIC COOPERATION NOT INTENDED TO ESTABLISH A BIPOLAR WORLD ECONOMIC SYSTEM.

3. PLENARY SESSION STATEMENTS OF LDCS GENERALLY MODERATE AND ECHOED G-77 SPOKESMAN IN STRESSING THAT ECDC SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS THREAT TO DCS OR TO INTERDEPENDENT WORLD SYSTEM. AT SAME TIME MAINTAINED THAT DCS HAD OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT ECDC. D GROUP STATEMENT, ASIDE FROM RHETORICAL SUPPORT OF ECDC, EMPHASIZED NEED FOR FISCAL DISCIPLINE. STATEMENTS OF MANY REGIONAL AND UN INSTITUTION REPRESENTATIVES GAVE SUPPORT TO THEME THAT REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE FOCAL POINT OF ECDC.

4. FOLLOWING IS GROUP B DRAFT TEXT:
BEGIN TEXT:

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 1995 (XIX) AS AMENDED; SECTION VI OF RESOLUTION 3362 (S-VII), RESOLUTION 90 (IV) AND 92 (IV) ADOPTED BY UNCTAD AT ITS FOURTH SESSION; ECOSOC RESOLUTION 2043 (LXI); DECISION 142 (XVI) OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD; AND RESOLUTION 31/119 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

TAKING NOTE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS PERTAINING TO THE ROLE OF UNCTAD IN THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ADOPTED BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GROUP OF SEVENTY-SEVEN AT MEXICO CITY, IN SEPTEMBER 1976, AND OTHER RELEVANT DECLARATIONS OF THE GROUP OF SEVENTY-SEVEN AND THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT,

RECOGNIZING THAT ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS AN ESSENTIAL AND INTEGRAL PART OF A GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT AND OF AN INTERDEPENDENT WORLD ECONOMY,

RECOGNIZING ALSO THAT THE MAIN IMPETUS FOR SUCH CO-OPERATION LIES AT THE SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL LEVELS, AND THAT SUCH ACTIONS SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS,

MINDFUL THAT ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN STRENGTHENING THEIR SELF RELIANCE AND IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY, DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ALIKE,

RECALLING THE SUPPORT WHICH THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES EXPRESSED FOR THE CONCEPT OF ENHANCED CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN UNCTAD RESOLUTION 92 (IV),

BEARING IN MIND THE ON-GOING ACTIVITIES BY UNCTAD

IN SUPPORT OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF EFFORTS OF THE ENTIRE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS,

EMPHASIZING THE PRINCIPLE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF UNCTAD ARE ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ACTIVITIES OF THAT ORGANIZATION ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY,

(1.) DECIDES TO ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING BASIC PROGRAMME OF WORK, WITHIN UNCTAD, ON ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION 142 (XVI) OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD TO THE EFFECT THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD "...PROVIDE, IN THE FIELD OF COMPETENCE OF UNCTAD, AS AND WHEN REQUESTED, SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OR GROUPS THEREOF, IN STRENGTHENING AND ENLARGING THEIR MUTUAL CO-OPERATION AT SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL LEVELS..."

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(2.) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO UNDERTAKE THOROUGHGOING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SECRETARIATS OF OTHER RELEVANT ORGANIZATIONS, AND IN PARTICULAR THE REGIONAL BODIES, IN REGARD TO THE WORK PROGRAMME SET FORTH IN THIS RESOLUTION, TO ENSURE THE NECESSITY OF AVOIDING DUPLICATION; FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-

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GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO REPORT ON HIS PRELIMINARY CONSULTATIONS AT THE 17TH SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

(3.) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED CONSULTATIONS TO INITIATE THE FOLLOWING STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO SUBSEQUENT COURSES OF ACTION TO BE AGREED, AND WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THOSE ASPECTS OF ITS PROGRAMME RELATED TO THE STRENGTHENING OF SUB-REGIONAL AND REGIONAL CO-OPERATION, AND TO CO-OPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH SIMILAR DEVELOPMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS,

(A) TO EXAMINE THE EXPERIENCE OF EXISTING PREFERENCE SCHEMES INVOLVING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND OF THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING INTERNATIONAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS, AS WELL AS SURVEY TRADE AND TRADE REGIMES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' AND IN THE LIGHT OF SUCH A STUDY TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF UNDERTAKING AN ANALYSIS
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OF A POSSIBLE GLOBAL SCHEME OF TRADE PREFERENCES AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

(B) TO EXAMINE THE EXPERIENCE OF TRADE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF DEVELOPING-COUNTRY STATE TRADING ORGANIZATIONS AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THESE ORGANIZATIONS MIGHT SERVE AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR THE EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION OF DIRECT TRADE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT THE REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL LEVELS.

(C) TO EXAMINE THE VALUE AND POSSIBLE MODALITIES OF ESTABLISHING MULTINATIONAL MARKETING ENTERPRISES FOR SPECIFIC PRODUCTS AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AT THE SUB-REGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTER-REGIONAL LEVELS.

(4.) THE COMMITTEE AFFIRMS THAT IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING AREAS OF STUDY, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER IMPORTANT PROGRAMMES WHICH MAY CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO ENHANCING ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TAKES NOTE THAT SUBSTANTIVE WORK IS GOING FORWARD ON EACH WITHIN THE WORK PROGRAMME OF UNCTAD AS SET FORWARD IN TD/B.643 ADD 1. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE

COMMITTEE DRAWS ATTENTION TO WORK BEING DONE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE TO ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: EXPORT CREDITS (SECTION 1 OF THE UNCTAD WORK PROGRAMME), EXPORT CREDIT INSURANCE (PROGRAMME 3.2.1.3 OF THE WORK PROGRAMME); APPROPRIATE ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (SECTION 5 OF THE UNCTAD WORK PROGRAMME); THE TRANSIT AND TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS OF THE LAND-LOCKED AND ISLAND COUNTRIES (SECTION 8 OF THE WORK PROGRAMME); AND REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL INSURANCE AND RE-INSURANCE SCHEMES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (SECTION 9 OF THE UNCTAD WORK PROGRAMME).

(5.) WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT SPECIAL ATTENTION BE GIVEN TO THE TRANSFER BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
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OF ELEMENTS OF TECHNOLOGY WHICH ARE DEVELOPED IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES.

(6.) THE COMMITTEE WELCOMES THE PROPOSALS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO ASSURE CLOSE CO-ORDINATION AND HARMONIZATION OF WORK WITHIN UNCTAD IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM OF CO-ORDINATION AS PROVIDED FOR IN UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/119.

(7.) WITH REGARD TO THOSE PROGRAMMES OF ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS WITH BODIES OTHER THAN UNCTAD, BUT WHICH TOUCH UPON ACTIVITIES WITHIN UNCTAD'S COMPETENCE, THE COMMITTEE URGES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON AND TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE ENDEAVOURS OF THESE RESPONSIBLE BODIES.

(8.) THE COMMITTEE FURTHER NOTES THE IMPORTANCE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN FURTHERING PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; IT CALLS UPON MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL DONORS TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THEMSELVES TO SUCH PROGRAMMES.

(9.) AS REGARDS EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND EXISTING CLEARING AND PAYMENTS ARRANGEMENTS AT THE REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL LEVELS AND TO ESTABLISH LINKS AMONG THEM, THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE IMF AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS TO THESE CONCERNS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO KEEP IT INFORMED ON A REGULAR BASIS OF THE PROGRESS MADE IN THIS FIELD.

(10.) WITH A VIEW TO ASSURING A PROPER ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AND THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED

BY UNCTAD AMONG ITS RESPECTIVE PROGRAMMES, THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THE SECRETARIAT TO CARRY OUT A DETAILED REVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND COSTS OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW ACTIVITIES PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE ONGOING PROGRAMME OF WORK CONTAINED IN TD/B.643 AND TD/B.643 ADD.1; THE COMMITTEE REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT THIS REVIEW

TOGETHER WITH A NEW FINANCIAL STATEMENT ON THE COSTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL STUDIES REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE 17TH SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD.

(11.) THE COMMITTEE INVITES THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO GIVE THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS A FULL REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF UNCTAD IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNGA RESOLUTION 31/119. END TEXTSORENSEN

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